



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

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### RTM Finance Committee

**Chairman Patrice Granatosky, Representatives Joe Baril, Christine Conley, Luanne DeMatto, Nancy Driscoll, Richard Pasqualini, Jack Sebastian and Archie Swindell**

Thursday, February 02, 2012

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 2

### SPECIAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

**2011-0245 Letter re zero tax increase budget**

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**Legislative History**

**12/14/2011 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Finance Committee**

*Rep. Kotowski requested a referral to the RTM Finance Committee to draft a letter to the Town Council, Board of Education and School Superintendent strongly urging them to present a zero tax increase budget option to the RTM.*

*Members discussed the effects of revaluation and the ability to create a budget that would not increase taxes for all taxpayers. Other items discussed were the Grand Levy, Town revenue and the desirability of not increasing the budget bottom line.*

*Rep. Granatosky objected to this referral based on the discussion at the last RTM meeting.*

*Moderator Ambrose stated that a referral has been made and that anyone may attend the committee meeting. Debate on this item can take place when the committee reports back to the full RTM.*

*The Town Manager explained that he controls the budget bottom line but that revenue is only an estimated figure. He stated that revaluation further complicates this issue since property values are changing. He noted that some property values have increased and some have decreased and there is no way he can produce a budget that includes no tax increase for all taxpayers.*

*Mr. Kadri remarked on cost containment and increasing revenue as they affect taxation. He advocates that the governing bodies of the Town and the Board of Education work jointly to explore opportunities to increase revenue growth. He feels that the Town can not survive on cost containment alone.*

5. **Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**For the committee to meet, we need a quorum. Please let the clerk's office (441-6643) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.**